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Mr. Mike Fowles  
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Dear Mike:

On June 24-26, 2003 I conducted aerial surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at 16 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects located within the Pittsburgh District. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, Berlin Lake, Conemaugh River Lake, Crooked Creek Lake, East Branch Lake, Kinzua Dam, Michael J. Kirwan Dam, Loyalhanna Lake, Mahoning Creek Lake, Mosquito Creek Lake, Shenango River Lake, Stonewall Jackson Lake, Tygart Lake, Union City Reservoir, Woodcock Creek Lake and Youghiogheny River Lake.

Although no defoliation was detected at Tionesta Lake, approximately 565 acres of moderate to heavy defoliation (31-100%) was detected in the vicinity. Only defoliation near the Lake was mapped. The defoliation was primarily concentrated on the white oaks and was caused by oak anthracnose, a foliar disease that is prevalent during wet growing seasons. White oaks are the most susceptible species of oaks for this anthracnose.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2004, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 22, 2003.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

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Forester  
Forest Health Protection

cc: Steve Shaw, Berlin Lake  
James Devore, Stonewall Jackson Lake  
Dave Bishop, Conemaugh River lake and Loyalhanna Lake  
Melissa Salsgiver, Crooked Creek Lake  
Gary Froelich, East Branch Lake  
Chris Moseback, Kinzua Dam



Samuel Wagner, Mahoning Creek Lake  
Bill Alex, Tionesta Lake  
Pat Kline, Michael J. Kirwan Dam  
Dianne Ruszkiewicz, Mosquito Creek Lake  
Pete O'Connell, Shenango River Lake  
Rick Miller, Tygart Lake  
Edward Schwendt, Union Reservoir and Woodcock Creek Lake  
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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial survey conducted at Tionesta Lake on June 26, 2003.

